

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

MRBI - Mercer SWCD - Livestock

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: MRBI - Mercer SWCD - Livestock		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation– Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the “EQIP Plan of Operations” result in:	
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other questions. If answer is “No”, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will this application address all resource concerns identified in the CNMP?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality Degradation	
3. The application includes EQIP funds for the implementation of nutrient management that results in a change in management that will allow additional windows of manure application during the growing season?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. The application includes EQIP Funds for the implementation of waste transfer to spread manure on land that can better utilize the nutrients (Soil test results less than 100LBS/acres of P2O5)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. EQIP application includes funds for the implementation of cover crops on low residue crops?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. The livestock facility is within 300 feet of a water body and contaminated runoff is not being controlled but will be as part of this contract	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Does the application have a practice to address milk house waste and/or silage leachate?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. The producer has attended an Educational Training and/or Workshop within the last 5 years?(Examples: ODA Certified Livestock Manager Training, Livestock Mortality Composting Workshop, LEAP I, LEAP II, Equine LEAP or Soil Health)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other questions. If answer is “No”, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the application address Milkhouse Waste discharge? Or uncontrolled lot runoff (concrete or dirt lots	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. The livestock facility is within 500 feet of a water body and contaminated runoff is not being controlled but will be as part of this contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
For Questions 4 -10 answer only one question.	
4. The CNMP and/or the Livestock Inventory and Evaluation states that there isLess than 30 days storage (at the site of the improvement)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. The CNMP and/or the Livestock Inventory and Evaluation states that there is30 – 60 days storage (at the site of the improvement)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. The CNMP and/or the Livestock Inventory and Evaluation states that there is61 – 90 days storage (at the site of the improvement)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

7. The CNMP and/or the Livestock Inventory and Evaluation states that there is91 – 120 days storage (at the site of the improvement)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. The CNMP and/or the Livestock Inventory and Evaluation states that there is121 – 240 days storage (at the site of the improvement)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. The CNMP and/or the Livestock Inventory and Evaluation states that there is241 – 360 days storage (at the site of the improvement)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. The CNMP and/or the Livestock Inventory and Evaluation states that there isGreater than 360 days storage (at the site of the improvement)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: